REMARKS

This amendment was to correct the duplicate use of a reference number. A corresponding change has been made to the corresponding reference in Figure 5. An edited copy of Figure 5 reflecting the proposed changes is submitted with this amendment for the examiner's approval. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

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REDACTED SPECIFICATION:

A redacted copy of the paragraph replacing the deleted paragraph that appeared on page 14 at line 8 follows:

With reference now to Figure 5, a flowchart illustrating an exemplary process for matching a seller and a buyer of goods or services wherein the goods and services are uniquely identified is depicted in accordance with the present invention. Once an on-line site receives information from a user for an offer to buy or sell a particular good (step 502), the on-line auction or want ad site stores the user's buy or sell information in a database (step 504). The on-line auction or want ad site also determines the quantity, type, unique identifier, and desired price of the item (step [504] 505) and searches the database for a seller or buyer, as the case may be, that is a match (step 506). The match would match a buyer desiring a certain good with a certain unique identifier with a seller selling the same good with the same unique identifier. The on-line site, in determining a match, also determines that the two offers are both valid as determined by time constraints that may have been placed on each offer by the buyer or seller.

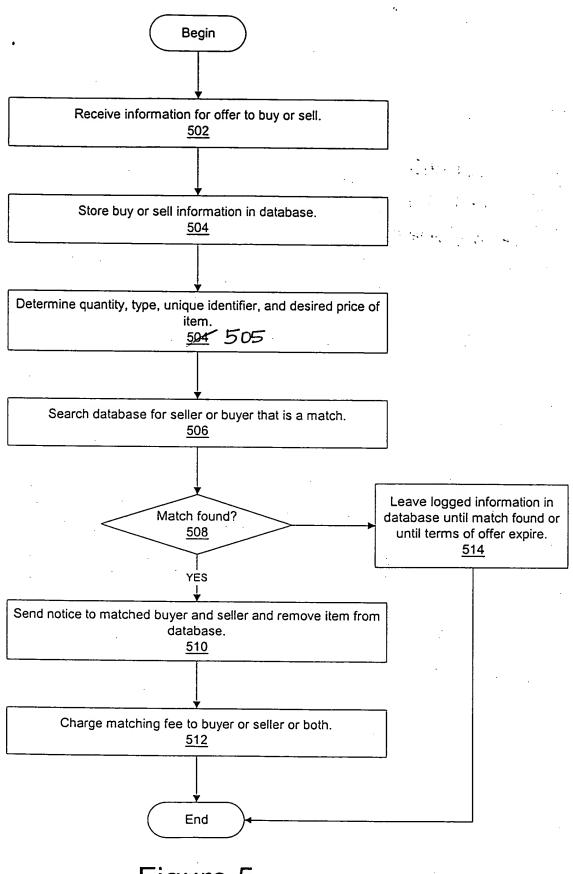


Figure 5

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